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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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Plaintiff

Seoul Semiconductor Co., Ltd., Seoul
Semiconductor, Inc.,

Defendants.

No. 3:06-CV-0162 (MMC)

SEOUL SEMICONDUCTOR CO., LTD.
AND SEOUL SEMICONDUCTOR,
INC.'S MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE
TESTIMONY OF COOPER C.
WOODRING

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NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION

2 Pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence 104(a), 702 and 703 and Civil Local Rules
3 7-2, Defendants Seoul Semiconductor Co., Ltd. (“SSC”) and Seoul Semiconductor, Inc.
4 (collectively “Seoul”) move the Court to exclude the testimony of Cooper C. Woodring, one of
5 Plaintiff Nichia Corporation’s liability experts. The parties respectfully request that the motion
6 be heard before the Court on July 27, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. with the parties’ motions for summary
7 judgment because Nichia relies extensively and on some issues, exclusively, on Mr. Woodring in
8 its Motion for Summary Judgment, or at any other time the Court deems appropriate.¹

9 Seoul respectfully requests that the Court exclude the reports and testimony of
10 Mr. Woodring 1) because he is not qualified to testify as an expert in this matter and his
11 testimony is not based on sufficient facts or data; 2) as an ordinary observer; 3) as one of
12 ordinary skill in the art. Seoul also respectfully requests that the Court strike Nichia's reliance
13 on Mr. Woodring in Nichia's Motion for Summary Judgment, including those portions of
14 Nichia's Motion relying on inadmissible hearsay.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

16 I. INTRODUCTION

17 Nichia retained two liability experts, Mr. Woodring and Dr. E. Fred Schubert.²
18 Both Mr. Woodring and Dr. Schubert opined on infringement in their opening expert reports.
19 Both experts reviewed and responded to the report of Seoul's liability expert, Mr. Richard A.
20 Flasck. In rebuttal, Mr. Woodring opined on the invalidity grounds of hidden in use,
21 functionality, anticipation, and obviousness. And Dr. Schubert opined on the invalidity grounds
22 of functionality and obviousness. Nichia relies on Mr. Woodring's testimony extensively in its

²⁴ 1 The parties are concurrently filing a Stipulated Request And [Proposed] Order to shorten
²⁵ time to hear Seoul's motion on July 27, 2007, with Nichia's Motion for Summary Judgment.

² Seoul has retained one liability expert, Mr. Richard A. Flasck.

1 Motion for Summary Judgment for its claims on direct infringement and defenses to invalidity
2 on anticipation, obviousness, and functionality. Seoul moves to exclude Mr. Woodring and
3 strike Nichia's reliance on Mr. Woodring in its Motion for Summary Judgment.

4 Mr. Woodring is not qualified to testify as an expert in this matter on
5 infringement or invalidity, the topics for which his testimony is presented. Mr. Woodring's
6 testimony should also be excluded because it is not based on sufficient facts or data.

7 On infringement and hidden in use, Mr. Woodring is not an ordinary observer and
8 his testimony does not "assist the trier of fact" as the record already includes evidence from
9 actual ordinary observers. "Design experts" are not ordinary observers and regardless,
10 Mr. Woodring has never designed an LED.

11 On invalidity and the point of novelty test for infringement, Mr. Woodring lacks
12 the basic qualifications of one of ordinary skill in the art. He does not come close to meeting the
13 definition agreed upon by Nichia's other liability expert, Dr. Schubert, and Seoul's liability
14 expert, Mr. Flasck.

15 In its Motion for Summary Judgment, Nichia relies solely on Mr. Woodring's
16 testimony regarding what the inventor of Nichia's patents told Mr. Woodring, and offers it for
17 the truth of the matter--

18 [REDACTED] This is inadmissible hearsay and should be
19 stricken from Nichia's Motion.

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1 II. FACTS³2 A. **Mr. Woodring's Lack Of Qualifications To Testify As An**
3 **Expert In This Matter**

4 Mr. Woodring is an industrial designer. [REDACTED]

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1112 As a point of reference for the Court, Mr. Richard A. Flasck,
13 Seoul's liability expert, has selected, designed, and developed several LED products and
14 prototypes over the last 15 years of his total 35 years of product design experience.⁴ Declaration
15 of Chi Soo Kim In Support Of Seoul's Motion For Claim Construction And For Summary
16 Judgment ("Kim Decl."), Updated Ex. LL at 5 (Fla. Rpt.) (Docket Nos. 319-2 & 319-3); Ex. C,
17 Tr. 6:2-13:4 (Fla.).18
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20 ³ The facts regarding the parties and underlying action are set forth in Seoul's Motion for
21 Claim Construction and for Summary Judgment (Docket Nos. 288 and 289) and are not repeated
here.22 ⁴ Mr. Flasck has other experience relevant to LEDs with backlighting, LCDs,
23 semiconductor display chips, surface mount technology boards, and injection molds. Kim Decl.,
24 Updated Ex. LL at 5 (Fla. Rpt.); Ex. C, Tr. 6:2-13:4 (Fla.). He also has experience in
25 manufacturing and the supply chain of optical components. Ex. C, Tr. 13:5-14:8 (Fla.).
26 Mr. Flasck is also an ordinary observer because he has evaluated and had responsibility for
selecting LEDs to incorporate into products as a purchaser. Ex. C, Tr. 9:17-11:21 (Fla.). The
ordinary observer is the purchaser of the accused product. *See Gorham Mfg. Co. v. White*, 81
U.S. 511, 528 (1872); *Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. v. Hercules Tire & Rubber Co.*, 162 F.3d
1113, 1117 (Fed. Cir. 1998). All of this experience has been outside of this litigation.

1 **B. Mr. Woodring's Opinions**

2 Nichia retained Mr. Woodring as an expert witness on infringement and he opines
 3 that SSC's 902-BUe and 902-BX1e LEDs, two models of the accused 902 series, infringe
 4 Nichia's design patents in suit. Declaration of Kenneth Krosin In Support Of Nichia's Motion
 5 For Summary Judgment ("Krosin Decl."), Ex. 19 at ¶¶ 7, 8, 66 (Woodring Infringement Rpt.)
 6 (Docket No. 303). Mr. Woodring also submitted a rebuttal report to the report of Seoul's expert,
 7 Mr. Flasck, on the invalidity of Nichia's design patents in suit. Krosin Decl., Ex. 35 at ¶ 2
 8 (Woodring Rebuttal Rpt.). Mr. Woodring was deposed on May 30, 2007. Nichia relies
 9 extensively upon Mr. Woodring's testimony in its Motion for Summary Judgment (Docket Nos.
 10 299-302).

11 On invalidity, Mr. Woodring opines on a number of issues: 1) On hidden in use,
 12 he opines that LEDs are a matter of concern though hidden in use because they are "visible
 13 during at least a portion of their commercial life"; 2) On functionality, he opines that Nichia's
 14 patents are valid because their designs are not primarily functional, each feature of Nichia's
 15 patents is not "dictated by function" because there are several ornamental design choices, and the
 16 inventor of Nichia's patented designs told Mr. Woodring that he intended to create an
 17 ornamental design; 3) On anticipation, he opines that Nichia's patents are not anticipated by
 18 Fairchild Semiconductor's SC70 package design and Mr. Flasck does not identify a single prior
 19 art reference identical in all material respects to the claimed design; and 4) On obviousness, he
 20 opines that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to create Nichia's
 21 designs by modifying the SC70 package or Nichia's 215 device, combining the SC70 package
 22 with knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art, or combining the SC70 package with the
 23 Matsushita patent, JP 984224. *See* Krosin Decl., Ex. 35 at ¶¶ 7-98 (Woo. Rebuttal Rpt.).

24 **C. Mr. Woodring's Opinions Are Not Based On Sufficient Facts
 25 Or Data As Required Under Rule 702, But Are Based On
 26 Startlingly Insufficient Information**

26 Mr. Woodring's opinions are based on incomplete and inadequate information

1 and do not meet Rule 702's pre-requisite that expert testimony be based on sufficient facts or
2 data.

3 In preparation of his Infringement Report, [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]

6 For his Rebuttal Report, Mr. Woodring only reviewed *portions* of six, of the
7 twenty non-expert witnesses deposed by May 9th, depositions selected and provided to him by
8 Nichia's counsel. Ex. A, Tr. 42:20- 44:9 (Woo.) [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]; Potter Decl. ¶ 2. Mr. Woodring reviewed portions of the
10 following depositions: Dan Doxsee (Nichia America), Jeong Ju Kim (Namotek), Bang Gun Kim
11 (Hyundai LCD), Hidehiko Naete (Stanley Electric Company), Akira Onikiri (Citizen
12 Electronics), and Hiroyshi Tominaga (Nichia). Krosin Decl., Ex. 35 at Ex. 11 (Woo. Rebuttal
13 Rpt.).
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
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21 [REDACTED]
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25 [REDACTED]
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2 [REDACTED] Section II.D below.
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4 Several, actual ordinary observers have been deposed in this matter including
5 Jeong Ju Kim of Namotek, Bang Gun Kim of Hyundai LCD, and Dong-Hwan Lee of Samsung
SDI.⁵
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7 **D. Mr. Woodring's Opinion Regarding Inventor Intent Is Based
8 Solely On Inadmissible Hearsay**

9 Mr. Woodring concedes that his opinion that [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
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17 Ex. A, Tr. 175:16-21 (Woo.). In its Motion for Summary Judgment, Nichia relies solely on this
18 inadmissible testimony for its assertion that Mr. Ishida intended his designs to be ornamental.
(Nichia Mot. at 35)

19 **III. STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE DECIDED**

20 1) Whether the testimony and expert reports of Mr. Woodring should be
21 excluded because he is not qualified to testify as an expert in this matter on infringement or
22 validity and his testimony is not based on sufficient facts or data.
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25 ⁵ Mr. Flasck is also an ordinary observer because he has evaluated and had responsibility
26 for selecting LEDs to incorporate into products as a purchaser. Ex. C, Tr. 9:17-11:21 (Fla.).

1 2) Whether Mr. Woodring should be precluded from opining on the viewpoint of
 2 an ordinary observer because he agrees that he is not an ordinary observer and his testimony does
 3 not “assist the trier of fact” as the record includes evidence from actual ordinary observers.

4 3) Whether Mr. Woodring should be precluded from testifying as or opining on
 5 the viewpoint of one of ordinary skill in the art because he is not one of ordinary skill in the art
 6 and does not even meet the definition agreed upon by both Seoul’s liability expert, Mr. Flasck,
 7 and Nichia’s other liability expert, Dr. Schubert.

8 4) Whether the portions of Nichia’s Motion for Summary Judgment relying on
 9 hearsay to establish that the inventor of the designs embodied in the patents-in-suit intended his
 10 designs to be ornamental and that the final design reflects his “aesthetic choices” should be
 11 stricken.

12 **IV. ARGUMENT**

13 **A. Mr. Woodring Is Not Qualified To Testify As An Expert In
 14 This Matter And His Testimony Is Not Based On Sufficient
 15 Facts Or Data As Required Under Rule 702**

16 As described in Section II.B above, Mr. Woodring opines on infringement and
 17 validity. His testimony should be excluded because he is not qualified as an expert in the
 18 relevant field of LEDs and his testimony is not reliable because it is not based on sufficient facts
 19 or data. *See* Fed. R. Evid. 104(a) and 702.

20 1. The Legal Standard: Experts Must Be Qualified And Their
 21 Testimony Must Be Reliable and Relevant

22 The rules governing the admissibility of expert testimony ensure and require its
 23 reliability and relevance. Fed. R. Evid. 702 & 703; *Kumho Tire Co., Ltd. v. Carmichael*, 526
 24 U.S. 137, 149-52 (1999); *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579, 590,
 25 592-95 (1993); *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 43 F.3d 1311, 1317 (9th Cir.
 26 1995) (on remand) (“*Daubert II*”), cert. denied, 516 U.S. 869 (1995). The Court is charged with
 a gatekeeping function to ensure that only expert testimony that is reliable and “relevant to the

1 task at hand" is admitted. *Daubert*, 509 U.S. at 597; *see Kumho Tire*, 526 U.S. at 152;
 2 *Amorgianos v. National R.R. Passenger Corp.*, 303 F.3d 256, 265 (2d Cir. 2002); *Daubert II*, 43
 3 F.3d at 1316-17.

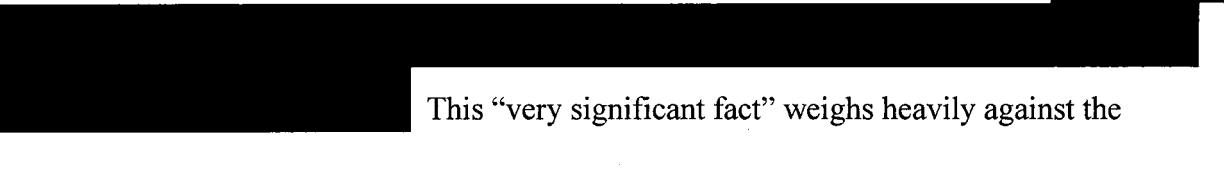
4 There are five requirements for the admission of expert testimony. First, a
 5 witness must qualify as an expert under Rule 702 by establishing expertise based on his
 6 knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education in the relevant field. Fed. R. Evid. 702. A
 7 witness who may be qualified as an expert in one particular field may not be qualified as an
 8 expert in another, even if related, field. *See Amorgianos*, 303 F.3d at 270 (industrial hygienist
 9 not qualified to testify on general medical causation); *Cummins v. Lyle Industries*, 93 F.3d 362,
 10 366-68 (7th Cir. 1996); *Daubert II*, 43 F.3d at 1317-18, 1318 n.9 (excluding plaintiffs' experts
 11 who had expertise in their respective fields, but not in the specific issue in the case).

12 Second, the testimony must consist of scientific, technical, or other specialized
 13 knowledge. Fed. R. Evid. 702. Third, the testimony must "assist the trier of fact." *Id.* Fourth,
 14 the testimony must be reliable, which is established if it is based on sufficient facts or data, is the
 15 product of reliable principles and methods, and the expert has applied the principles and methods
 16 reliably to this case. *Id.* Whether the expert opinion is a product of independent research or was
 17 formulated for the litigation is a "very significant fact" in determining its reliability. *Daubert II*,
 18 43 F.3d at 1317. Fifth, the testimony must be based on matters "perceived by or made known to
 19 the expert" or "matters reliably relied upon by experts in the particular field." Fed. R. Evid. 703.

20 2. Mr. Woodring Is Not Qualified To Testify As An Expert In
 21 This Matter

22 Mr. Woodring is not qualified to testify as an expert in this matter on
 23 infringement or invalidity and his testimony should be excluded. *See* Fed. R. Evid. 702.

24 **No Experience, Knowledge, or Training in the Relevant Field.**

25  This "very significant fact" weighs heavily against the

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1 admissibility of Mr. Woodring's testimony. *See Daubert II*, 43 F.3d at 1317-18, 1318 n.9 (while
 2 plaintiffs' scientists were "experts in their respective fields" and well-published in those fields,
 3 the fact that they did not study the *specific* issue in the case, i.e., the effect of a drug on certain
 4 types of birth defects, *before* being hired to testify as experts established that their testimony was
 5 not reliable and should be excluded) (affirming summary judgment for defendants where
 6 testimony of plaintiffs' experts was excluded); Fed. R. Evid. 702, advisory committee's note
 7 (2000).

8 [REDACTED]

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12 [REDACTED] As a point of reference for the Court, Mr. Flasck has selected, designed, and developed
 13 several LED products and prototypes over the last 15 years of his total 35 years of product
 14 design experience.⁶ Kim Decl., Updated Ex. LL at 5 (Fla. Rpt.); Ex. C, Tr. 6:2-13:4 (Fla.).

15 **No Relevant Educational Degrees.** Mr. Woodring is an industrial designer.

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] the educational areas which both Mr. Flasck and

18 Dr. Schubert agree are necessary here for one of ordinary skill in LED technology. *See* Kim
 19 Decl., Updated Ex. LL at 10 (Fla. Rpt.); Krosin Decl., Ex. 8 at ¶ 73 (Sch. Rebuttal Rpt.).

20 3. Mr. Woodring's Testimony Is Not Based On Sufficient
Facts Or Data As Required Under Rule 702

21 Mr. Woodring's testimony is based on incomplete and inadequate information
 22 and does not meet Rule 702's pre-requisite that expert testimony be based on sufficient facts or
 23 data. *See* Fed. R. Evid. 702 & 703; Section II.C above.

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 25 ⁶ *See supra* n.4.

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2 [REDACTED] See Ex. A, Tr. 42:20-

3 56:16 (Woo.); *see also* Section II.C above. Mr. Woodring's principles and methods could not
4 have been reliably applied to the facts of this case because he did not really review the facts.5 Mr. Woodring opines on almost every issue in this litigation (*see* Section II.B
6 above), but didn't review the relevant documents or testimony.
7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 See Section II.C above; *Amorgianos*, 303 F.3d at 268 (excluding testimony of plaintiffs' expert
11 for unsound methodology where data was available to the expert but he inexplicably "did not
12 find it necessary" to include them in his calculation). Like the excluded expert in *Amorgianos*,

13 [REDACTED]

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17 4. Mr. Woodring Admits That He Has No Basis For His
18 Opinion That SSC Copied Nichia's Design Patents In Suit
19 [REDACTED]20 Nichia relies exclusively on Mr. Woodring's testimony in its Motion for
21 Summary Judgment for its assertion that SSC "must have copied" Nichia's design patents in
22 suit.⁷ (See Nichia Mot. at 9-11)
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56 **B. Mr. Woodring Is Not Qualified To Opine On The Viewpoint
7 Of An Ordinary Observer**8 Mr. Woodring opines that SSC's 902-BUE and 902-BX1e LEDs are substantially
9 the same as Nichia's patented designs in the eyes of an ordinary observer. Krosin Decl., Ex. 19
10 at ¶¶ 33-58 (Woo. Infr. Rpt.). He opines that both models infringe Nichia's design patents
11 because, in part, the ordinary observer test is satisfied. Krosin Decl., Ex. 19 at ¶¶ 7, 8, 66 (Woo.
12 Infr. Rpt.).13 Mr. Woodring further opines that LEDs are a matter of concern though hidden in
14 use because they are "visible during at least a portion of their commercial life." Krosin Decl.,
15 Ex. 35 at ¶¶ 7-16 (Woo. Rebuttal Rpt.).16 The Court should preclude Mr. Woodring from opining on the viewpoint of an
17 ordinary observer and exclude such testimony and portions of his expert reports because
18 1) Mr. Woodring himself agrees that he lacks even the basic qualifications of an ordinary
19 observer; 2) "design experts" are not ordinary observers and even if they were, Mr. Woodring's
20 design experience is not in the relevant field of sideview SMD LEDs; and 3) the record already
21 includes evidence from actual ordinary observers so testimony from Mr. Woodring is extraneous
22 and does not "assist the trier of fact" in its infringement analysis.23
24 8 In its Motion for Summary Judgment, Nichia repeatedly cites to Mr. Woodring's
25 deposition testimony for the proposition that the "designs are so similar that Seoul must have
26 copied Nichia's product." (Nichia Mot. at 9-11, 13).

1 1. The Legal Standard: The Ordinary Observer Is A
 2 Purchaser, Not A “Design Expert”

3 Nichia must show that the patented designs and Seoul’s 902s series LEDs are
 4 substantially the same “in the eye of an ordinary observer, given such attention as a purchaser
 5 usually gives.” *Gorham Mfg. Co. v. White*, 81 U.S. 511, 528 (1872). **The ordinary observer is**
 6 **the purchaser of the accused product.** *See id.*; *Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. v. Hercules Tire*
 7 & *Rubber Co.*, 162 F.3d 1113, 1117 (Fed. Cir. 1998). Two designs are only substantially the
 8 same “if the resemblance is such as to deceive such an observer, inducing him to purchase one
 9 supposing it to be the other.” *Gorham*, 81 U.S. at 528. The deception must stem from
 10 ornamental, not functional, features. *Unidynamics Corp. v. Automatic Prods. Int’l.*, 157 F.3d
 11 1311, 1323 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *Lee v. Dayton-Hudson Corp.*, 838 F.2d 1186, 1188 (Fed. Cir.
 12 1988). Where a patented design is composed of both functional and ornamental features, to
 13 prove infringement “a patent owner must establish that an ordinary person would be deceived by
 14 reason of the common features in the claimed and accused designs which are ornamental.”
 15 *Elmer v. ICC Fabricating, Inc.*, 67 F. 3d 1571, 1577 (Fed. Cir. 1995); *OddzOn Prods., Inc. v.*
 16 *Just Toys, Inc.*, 122 F.3d 1396, 1405 (Fed. Cir. 1997) (quoting *Read Corp. v. Portec, Inc.*,
 17 970 F.2d 816, 825 (Fed. Cir. 1992)).

18 As the Supreme Court and Federal Circuit have emphasized, “***Gorham counsels***
 19 **against measuring the similarity of designs from the viewpoint of experts in design.”**
 20 *Goodyear Tire*, 162 F.3d at 1117 (affirming finding of no infringement and determination that
 21 the ordinary observer of the accused tire tread was a prospective purchaser of truck tires, i.e., a
 22 trucker or fleet operator) (emphasis added); *see Gorham*, 81 U.S. at 527-28 (“Experts, therefore,
 23 are not the persons to be deceived.”). “The reason *Gorham* cautioned against using experts as
 24 ordinary observers in most cases was that experts in most cases are not purchasers of the relevant
 25 items.” *Arminak & Assoc., Inc. v. Saint-Gobain Calmar, Inc.*, 424 F. Supp. 2d 1188, 1199-1200
 26 (C.D. Cal. 2006) (holding no infringement of design patents in declaratory judgment action and

1 that the ordinary observer was a purchaser of the accused product).

2 “The standard is whether such a **purchaser** would be misled, by the design
3 similarity imparted to the article by the copier, to think that it is the patentee’s design that is
4 being purchased. Thus **the focus is on the actual product that is presented for purchase, and**
5 **the ordinary purchaser of that product.**” *Goodyear Tire*, 162 F.3d at 1117 (emphasis added).

6 For hidden in use, an object hidden during its normal use cannot be a “matter of
7 concern” to customers. *See In re Webb*, 916 F.2d 1553, 1557 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (citing *In re*
8 *Stevens*, 173 F.2d 1015, 1016 (CCPA 1949), and *In re Cornwall*, 230 F.2d 457 (CCPA 1956)
9 (affirming rejection of design claim for vent tube put in wall)); *Static Control Components, Inc.*
10 *v. Lexmark Int'l, Inc*, --- F. Supp. 2d ----, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 31445, *37-38 (E.D. Ky. 2007).
11 The hidden in use inquiry is also conducted from the viewpoint of a purchaser.

12 Here, Mr. Woodring is not an ordinary purchaser-- in fact, [REDACTED]

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14 [REDACTED]

15 2. Mr. Woodring Agrees That Ordinary Observers Are
16 Purchasers
17 [REDACTED]

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24 Ex. A, Tr. 97:11-19 (Woo.) (emphasis added).

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1 3. Mr. Woodring Agrees That He Is Not An Ordinary
2 Observer

3 Mr. Woodring openly admits in his report and deposition that he is not an
4 ordinary observer, not even as he defines one. Krosin Decl., Ex. 19 at ¶ 57 (Woo. Infr. Rpt.);
5 Ex. A, Tr. 139:7-16, 101:8-19, 15:17-16:4 (Woo.).
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23 Ex. A, Tr. 101:8-19, 139:7-16 (Woo.) (emphasis added).
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1 Nichia cannot circumvent the ordinary observer test by introducing testimony
 2 from Mr. Woodring on this issue as a “design expert.”⁹ Mr. Woodring has further disqualified
 3 himself from opining on the viewpoint of ordinary observers for two reasons.

4 First, Mr. Woodring’s testimony and circular logic goes against the whole point of
 5 the ordinary observer test. According to Mr. Woodring, as a design expert, he is “more visually
 6 discriminating and more attentive to visual nuances” than the ordinary observer. Krosin Decl.,
 7 Ex. 19 at ¶ 57 (Woo. Infr. Rpt.); *see* Ex. A, Tr. 100:23-101:7 (Woo.).

8 [REDACTED]

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13 Second, even if the Court were to assume that Mr. Woodring is a design expert
 14 and Nichia were to somehow substitute the Supreme Court’s ordinary observer test with
 15 Mr. Woodring’s design expert test, Mr. Woodring is still not qualified because his design
 16 expertise is not in the relevant field of sideview SMD LEDs, or any LEDs for that matter. *See*
 17 *also* Section II.A above.

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19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

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22 ⁹ Seoul does not contend that an expert witness cannot be an ordinary observer, but
 23 Mr. Woodring, by his own admissions, is clearly not one. In fact, Mr. Flasck is an ordinary
 24 observer. *See supra* n.4. He has evaluated and had responsibility for selecting LEDs to
 25 incorporate into products as a purchaser. Ex. C, Tr. 9:17-11:21 (Fla.). Mr. Flasck has also
 Ex. C, Tr. 6:2-13:4 (Fla.).

26 ¹⁰ Mr. Dong-Hwan Lee was deposed after Nichia served Mr. Woodring’s rebuttal report and
 Mr. Woodring was deposed.

1 4. The Record Already Includes Evidence From Actual
 2 Ordinary Observers So Testimony From Mr. Woodring
 3 Does Not "Assist The Trier Of Fact" In Its Infringement
 4 Analysis

5 Only expert testimony that "will assist the trier of fact" is permitted. Fed. R.
 6 Evid. 702. Mr. Woodring's testimony here adds nothing. The record already includes ample
 7 evidence from actual ordinary observers/ purchasers of sideview LEDs and the trier of fact can
 8 draw its own inferences from this available evidence. Jeong Ju Kim of Namotek, Bang Gun Kim
 9 of Hyundai LCD, and Dong-Hwan Lee of Samsung SDI are all ordinary observers.¹¹ (See also
 10 Seoul Mot. for Summary Judgment at 9-14, 20-21, 30) (describing testimony by ordinary
 11 observers). [REDACTED]

12 Jeong Ju Kim, Namotek's director of sales, production, manufacturing,
 13 development, and component technology, for the past three years has decided which LEDs to
 14 incorporate into Namotek's BLUs. Ex. E, Tr. 26:21-27:5 (J.J. Kim). Namotek is a BLU
 15 manufacturer.

16 Bang Gun Kim, an Associate Engineer in the Research and Development
 17 Department at Hyundai LCD, designs and develops LCD modules containing LEDs and is
 18 responsible for selecting and purchasing components for new LCD modules. Ex. F, Tr. 17:21-
 19 25, 18:5-8, 18:20-21; 19:21-24, 20:16-22:17 (B.G. Kim). Hyundai LCD makes LCD modules.

20 *Id.* at Tr. 80:20-25.

21 ¹¹ In addition, Mr. Flasck qualifies as an ordinary observer. *See supra* n.4.
 22 [REDACTED]

23 Because he has no independent
 24 knowledge of these facts, this testimony should be excluded.
 25 [REDACTED]

1 Dong-Hwan Lee [REDACTED]
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4 By contrast, Mr. Woodring is not an ordinary observer. His testimony as a self-
 5 proclaimed design expert outside the relevant field of sideview LEDs will not assist the trier of
 6 fact in determining infringement under the ordinary observer test. *See* Sections II.A and IV.B.3
 7 above. Because testimony from Mr. Woodring, who does not qualify as an ordinary observer,
 8 regarding the viewpoint of ordinary observers does not assist the trier of fact under Rule 702, it
 9 should be excluded.

10 **C. Mr. Woodring Is Not An Individual Of Ordinary Skill In The
 11 Art**

12 1. Mr. Woodring's Testimony On Point Of Novelty,
 13 Functionality, Anticipation, And Obviousness

14 Mr. Woodring opines on the point of novelty test for infringement and the
 15 invalidity grounds of functionality, anticipation, and obviousness. *See* Section II.B above.
 16 Nichia relies extensively on Mr. Woodring's testimony in its Motion for Summary Judgment.
 17 The Court should exclude Mr. Woodring's testimony and strike Nichia's reliance on Mr.
 18 Woodring in its Motion for Summary Judgment on these issues.

19 2. The Court Should Adopt The Definition Of "One Of
 20 Ordinary Skill In The Art" Agreed Upon By Both Parties'
 21 Experts

22 In design patent cases, one of ordinary skill in the art is a "designer of ordinary
 23 capability who designs articles of the type presented in the application." *In re Nalbandian*, 661
 24 F.2d 1214, 1216 (CCPA 1981) (noting consistency with the requirement in *Graham v. John
 25 Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1 (1966), that the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art be determined);
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1 *see* 35 U.S.C. § 103.¹³ Experts who do not meet the standards of one of ordinary skill in the art
 2 cannot opine on a design's obviousness, anticipation, or other invalidity grounds. *See Motorola,*
 3 *Inc. v. Alexander Mfg. Co.*, 786 F. Supp. 808, 813-14 (N.D. Iowa 1991) ("Defendant, however,
 4 failed to establish the level of ordinary skill in the relevant art or that the expert possessed the
 5 necessary skill in the relevant art to evaluate obviousness.").

6 Courts often adopt the definition of a person of ordinary skill in the art proposed
 7 by a party's expert. *See IXYS Corp. v. Advanced Power Tech., Inc.*, 321 F. Supp. 2d 1133, 1148-
 8 49 (N.D. Cal. 2004) (adopting definition proposed by plaintiff's expert and not disputed by
 9 defendant, specifying the educational level and experience of a person of ordinary skill in the
 10 art). The Court should adopt the definition agreed upon by both Seoul's liability expert, Mr.
 11 Flasck, and Nichia's other liability expert, Dr. Schubert: "an individual with an undergraduate
 12 degree in materials science, physics, chemistry, electrical, mechanical, or optical engineering.
 13 This individual would have the ability to apply sound engineering principles and practices in
 14 design activity. By virtue of education and/or experience he or she would be familiar with
 15 semiconductor packaging, injection molding, surface mount technology, optical engineering, and
 16 design and manufacture" of LEDs.¹⁴ *See* Kim Decl., Updated Ex. LL at 10 (Fla. Rpt.); Krosin
 17 Decl., Ex. 8 at ¶ 73 (Sch. Rebuttal Rpt.) (agreeing with Mr. Flasck's definition and narrowing
 18 definition to experience with LEDs, not the broader category of consumer electronics, design and
 19 manufacture).

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23 ¹³ *See also Phillips v. AWH Corp.*, 415 F.3d 1303, 1313 (Fed. Cir. 2005), *cert. denied*, 126
 24 S. Ct. 1332 (2006) ("That starting point is based on the well-settled understanding that inventors
 are typically persons skilled in the field of the invention and that patents are addressed to and
 intended to be read by others of skill in the pertinent art.").

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1 3. Mr. Woodring Is Not A Person Of Ordinary Skill In The
2 Art

3 Mr. Woodring is not a person of ordinary skill in the art.

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7 Mr. Woodring does not come close to meeting the parties' definition of an
8 individual of ordinary skill in the art in the field of side view SMD LEDs. *See* Kim Decl.,
9 Updated Ex. LL at 10 (Fla. Rpt.); Krosin Decl., Ex. 8 at ¶ 73 (Sch. Rebuttal Rpt.).

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4 4. Mr. Woodring's Invalidity Testimony Should Be Excluded
5 Under Rule 702 Because It Is Not Reliable And He Does
6 Not Have Specialized Knowledge To Qualify As An Expert
7 On Invalidity

8 As described above, Mr. Woodring's invalidity testimony should also be excluded
9 because it is not reliable under Rule 702. *See* Sections II.A, II.C and IV.A.
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14 “It's not rocket science.” In addition, Mr. Woodring admits that he does not
15 have any specialized knowledge to qualify as an expert on invalidity.
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13 [REDACTED] *Id.*; see Fed. R. Evid. 702 (permitting expert testimony of
14 scientific, technical, or specialized knowledge).

15 5. If The Court Does Not Exclude Mr. Woodring, At
16 Minimum, The Court Should Give No Weight To His
Testimony On Invalidity Or The Point Of Novelty Test

17 Courts accord little weight to experts who do not properly define the individual of
18 ordinary skill in the art and who themselves fail to meet the definition adopted. *Motorola*, 786 F.
19 Supp. at 813-14 (“Defendant, however, failed to establish the level of ordinary skill in the
20 relevant art or that the expert possessed the necessary skill in the relevant art to evaluate
21 obviousness. Therefore, the expert’s testimony is not persuasive.”). Mr. Woodring, as described
22 above, does not come close to meeting the parties’ agreed upon definition of one of ordinary skill
23 in the art. At minimum, like *Motorola*, the Court should not give any weight to Mr. Woodring’s
24 testimony on the invalidity grounds of obviousness, functionality, and anticipation or the point of
25 novelty test for infringement.

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1 **D. Nichia's Reliance On Hearsay In Its Summary Judgment
Motion Should Be Stricken**

2 Federal Rule of Evidence 703 clearly provides that an expert may not serve as a
3 mere conduit for the hearsay of another. Fed. R. Evid. 703; *see Paddock v. Dave Christensen, Inc.*, 745 F.2d 1254, 1262 (9th Cir. 1984); *U.S. v. Lundy*, 809 F.2d 392, 395 (7th Cir. 1987) (A
4 court must insure that an expert witness is testifying as an expert and not merely a conduit
5 through which hearsay is brought before the jury). Rule 703 compels the use of a balancing test
6 to determine whether the evidence is admissible. *See also Turner v. Burlington N. Santa Fe R.R. Co.*, 338 F.3d 1058, 1061-62 (9th Cir. 2003); *Rambus, Inc. v. Infineon Technologies AG*,
7 222 F.R.D. 101, 111 (E.D. Va. 2004). This balancing test is weighed against the admission of
8 such evidence. The 2000 Advisory Committee Note to Rule 703 states that “[t]he amendment
9 provides a presumption against disclosure to the jury of information used as the basis of an
10 expert's opinion and not admissible for any substantive purpose, when that information is offered
11 by the proponent of the expert.” *Turner*, 338 F.3d at 1062.

12 Numerous courts have applied these provisions to exclude expert testimony. In
13 *Paddock*, for example, the court found that audit reports were hearsay and that the expert could
14 not rely on such evidence to establish the truth of what they assert. 745 F.2d at 1262. In *Turner*,
15 the court found that because the probative value that would result from the admission of a lab
16 report relied upon by the expert did not substantially outweigh its prejudicial effect, the expert
17 was not allowed to testify about the report. 338 F.3d at 1062. In *Rambus*, the court found that
18 Rambus' expert witnesses could not testify to the Initial Decision of the administrative law judge
19 in the Federal Trade Commission's case against Rambus because “the probative value of the
20 Initial Decision in assisting the jury to evaluate Rambus' experts' opinions would not
21 substantially outweigh the prejudicial effect that the introduction of the Initial Decision would
22 engender.” 222 F.R.D. at 111-12.

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1 [REDACTED]
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 3 [REDACTED] In this case, as in those cited above, Nichia cannot
 4 use its expert to serve as a conduit for hearsay testimony to establish Mr. Ishida's intent; doing so
 5 is highly prejudicial and inappropriate, especially so on a motion for summary judgment. *Beyene*
 6 *v. Coleman Sec. Services, Inc.*, 854 F.2d 1179, 1181 (9th Cir. 1988) ("It is well settled that only
 7 admissible evidence may be considered by the trial court in ruling on a motion for summary
 8 judgment."). In addition, Mr. Woodring is not an expert on the intent of a LED patent designer
 9 and his testimony cannot "assist the trier of fact." Fed. R. Evid. 702.

10 Nichia's assertions in its Motion for Summary Judgment regarding Mr. Ishida's
 11 intent should be stricken because they are based solely on inadmissible hearsay testimony from
 12 Mr. Woodring and he lacks the qualifications to opine on the intent of a LED patent designer.

13 **V. CONCLUSION**

14 Seoul respectfully requests that the Court exclude the reports and testimony of
 15 Mr. Woodring 1) because he is not qualified to testify as an expert in this matter and his
 16 testimony is not based on sufficient facts or data; 2) as an ordinary observer; and 3) as one of
 17 ordinary skill in the art. Seoul also respectfully requests that the Court strike Nichia's reliance
 18 on Mr. Woodring in Nichia's Motion for Summary Judgment, including those portions of
 19 Nichia's Motion relying on inadmissible hearsay.

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